

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, September 17, 2020  
6:00pm  
Lower Level Conference Room**

**Call to order:** First Selectman Knorr called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Members Present:** First Selectman Bud Knorr, Selectmen Tim Potrikus and Tim Keeney, Mike Marinaccio, CFO, Fire Chief John Roache and Assistant Finance Director Brian Wissinger, Todd Rolland DPW Director, Jill Conklin, Karl Walton and Jennifer Roy Zoning Enforcement Officer.

**Transfers – Finance:**

**Brian Wissinger presented the transfers to the Board of Selectmen:**

*Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the transfer within the library budget, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.*

**CIP Requests – Finance: Brian presented the CIP requests to the Board of Selectmen.**

1. IT Server \$90,000.00 LOCIP funding.

*Mr. Potrikus made a motion to forward the request to CIP for consideration while we await a second professional opinion on the best way to implement technology over the next five years, seconded by Mr. Keeney the motion passed.*

2. Mini-split heater/AC for the Veterans Office \$5,200.00.

*Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the CIP request for a Mini-split in the amount \$5,200.00, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.*

**Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Cooperative Agreement for a Public Health Nurse – Steve Jacobs, Town Sanitarian:**

Mr. Jacobs explained that we will be receiving funds over the next 3 years to fund a Public Health Nurse to do the COVID-19 contact tracing.

*Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the receipt of \$13,812.00 to fund a Public Health Nurse for COVID-19 Contact tracing, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.*

Fire Department update regarding Dept. of Correction – Chief John Roache:

**Chief Roache provided an update to the Board of Selectmen regarding training at the prison.**

**Local Traffic Authority – Hampden Road Signs for “Engine Braking Prohibited” - Todd Rolland, Public Works Director:**

Mr. Rolland proposed putting up 4 signs that prohibit Engine Braking, between the police and Dpw they will notify the local companies that will be affected by Public Act 14-80(i).

*Mr. Potrikus made a motion to approve the installation of the signs on Hampden Road, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.*

**Zoning Commission Update – Zoning Members: Chairman, Jill Conklin and Karl Walton. The Board of Selectmen and the Zoning members discussed when the Zoning Regulations when they would be completed. Chairman Conklin replied they only need a couple more meetings to wrap things up. A lengthy discussion followed.**

**Elections Grant Application Approval:**

*Mr. Keeney made a motion to authorize Mr. Knorr to sign the resolution to apply for the Elections grant application, Seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.*

**Salary Administration Discussion and possible vote**

*Mr. Keeney made a motion to amend section 6-4 with the language proposed by Mr. Keeney with the exception of incentives - the Board of Selectmen shall have the the ability to recognize employees monetarily, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.*

**Authorization of Scheduled Payments:**

*Mr. Keeney made a motion to approve the authorization of scheduled payments in the amount of \$199,332.21, seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed.*

**Approval of September 3, 2020 Regular Minutes:**

*Mr. Keeney made a motion to amend the minutes of Sept 3 under the discussion proposed Zoning Regs to add the following;*

*The concept is to create a series of educational and roundtable discussions to develop an updated and improved vision for the Plan of Conservation and Development and subsequent further amendment to the zoning regulations. The POCD would benefit by being updated to include newly emerging issues, such as sustainability& resilience, social & racial equity, disaster response, and affordable housing.*

*Seconded by Mr. Potrikus. The motion passed by.*

**Opportunity to Add Agenda Items:**

*Mr. Potrikus made a motion to authorize the first Selectman to negotiate not finalize and too have input from the Board of Selectmen when warranted with SCG, seconded by Mr. Keeney. The motion passed.*

*POCD Revisions Discussion – All members participated in the discussion to revise the POCD. Mr. Keeney will come back with some recommendations and dates.*

**Adjournment:**

*Mr. Knorr made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm, seconded by Mr. Potrikus the motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Kim LaFleur

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MEETING